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EO 12065: GDS 12/16/87 (FRIEDMAN, T.B.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: (U) ARGENTINE PRISONERS

1. [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, THERE ARE
NOW 1,092 PRISONERS CHARGED WITH OTHER THAN COMMON
CRIMES IN ARGENTINE JAILS. OF THESE, 664
ARE HELD UNDER PEN AND 428 ARE SERVING SENTENCES
OR ON TRIAL BUT NOT UNDER PEN. THE 664 PEN PRISONERS
ARE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: 274
HELD ONLY UNDER PEN; 99 UNDER PEN BUT ALSO ON TRIAL;
AND 291 UNDER PEN BUT ALSO SERVING A COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THOUGH THE GOA STEADFASTLY
REFUSED TO GIVE PRISONER BREAKDOWNS, THERE HAS
APPARENTLY BEEN A CHANGE IN POLICY. THESE NUMBERS
COME FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE GOA. THE RED CROSS,
WHICH KEEPS TRACK OF SUCH THINGS MOST CLOSELY,
BELIEVES THE NUMBERS ARE ACCURATE. THE MOST INTERESTING
FIGURE IS THE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED NUMBER OF
PRISONERS NOW HELD UNDER PEN ALONE -- THAT IS,
WITHOUT ANY TRIAL OR SENTENCE. IT APPEARS TWO THINGS
HAVE HAPPENED. FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANT, A LARGER
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NUMBER OF THE RELEASES THIS YEAR CAME FROM AMONG
THE PEN ONLY CATEGORY THAN WE HAD THOUGHT. SECONDLY,

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SOME OF THE PEN-ONLY PRISONERS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN
MOVED INTO TRIAL STATUS.
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